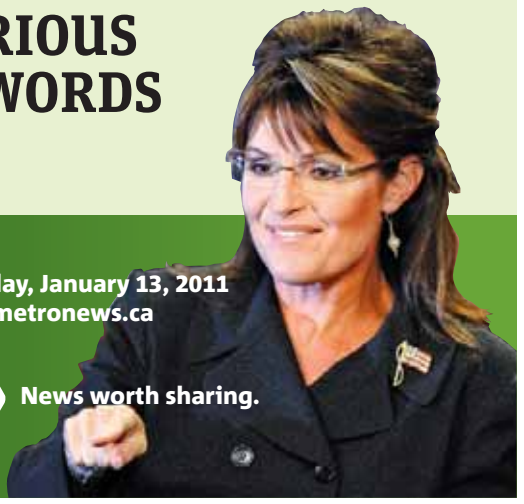
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News worth sharing.

Like snow? You're in the white place

Snowfall biggest of season so far ◐ No storms in extended forecast: Environment Canada

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▶ A man walks down South Park Street during a snowstorm yesterday afternoon. Snowfall warnings for across Nova Scotia were issued by Environment Canada yesterday.



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Halifax got more than the forecast but we still got hit pretty well.

Up to 20 centimetres of snow fell on parts of HRM yesterday, beginning in the mid-afternoon and continuing into the early evening.

Environment Canada meteorologist Jeffrey Hilliard said the strong bands of snow stopped in most areas by 8 p.m., with the heaviest accumulations coming at around 6 p.m.

"You had temperatures close to zero, especially around the coast, so that made the snow very wet," he said.

Halifax went into the storm forecast due to receive anywhere from 15 to 30 cm.

Police said that by mid-evening there had been about two dozen accidents reported since the storm began, all minor in nature.

Many people heeded warnings to stay off the roads unless they needed to be on them, police said, and those who did drive were going very slow because of the tricky conditions.

The storm resulted in some power outages and many closures, including malls and libraries. Most flights into and out of Halifax Stanfield International Airport were cancelled.

T-Rex named Sue

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Economy

Going dollar for dollar

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10:30	Discover Europe and the Eastern Mediterranean with Insight Vacations
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1:50	Follow your Lucky Star… Iberostar Hotels & Resorts in Cuba and the Dominican Republic
2:30	Visit Israel - You'll Never Be the Same.
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Room II

10:40	Thailand - Once in a Lifetime.
11:20	Discover Cuba with Hola Sun Holidays – The Cuba Specialists!
12:00	Beaches Resorts… the Caribbean Resorts for Everyone!
12:40	Transat Holidays presents Travelling to Europe by Land or Sea
1:20	Discover the Caribbean with Sandals' Luxury Included Resorts
2:00	Journeys by Air Canada Vacations – Asia, South America, South Pacific
2:40	The Mayan Riviera – Where everyone goes for Fun with Sunquest
3:20	Experience SeaWorld, Aquatica, Busch Gardens & Discovery Cove and hear from the Orlando Convention & Visitors Bureau
4:00	Discover Cancun and the Mayan Riviera with Transat Holidays

Room III

10:30	A Holiday Experience Like no Other with Occidental Hotels & Resorts
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1:10	Explore the Caribbean with Sunwing & Signature Vacations
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Room IV

10:20	The Dominican Republic - Enjoy Maximum R&R from Transat Holidays
11:00	Trafalgar, Italy and beyond, at Leisure
11:40	Discover Cancun and the Riviera Maya with Sandos Hotels & Resorts
12:20	Travel Europe by Land or River with Globus and Avalon Waterways
1:00	SuperFun Beach Resort & Spa: FUN !!! For young in age, young at heart
1:40	Australia & New Zealand by Goway
2:20	Long Stays, Beach Stays in Spain, Tunisia, Bali & Thailand with Exotik Tours.
3:00	Breezes Resorts: Something for Everyone!
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Room V

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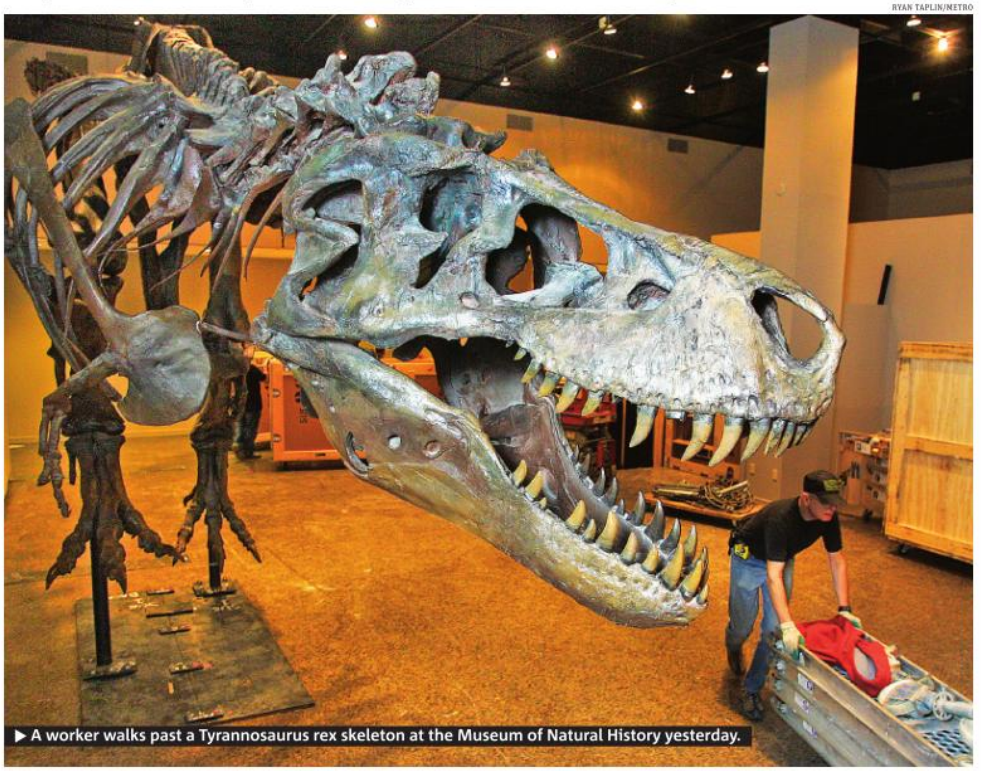
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T-Rex comes to Halifax

Local museum first in Canada hosting exhibition deemed 'one of the most important finds in palaeontology' Dinosaur seen by more than 10M people

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A worker walks past a Tyrannosaurus rex skeleton at the Museum of Natural History yesterday.

JORDAN MINX
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Arguably the world's most important T-Rex is making its Canadian debut this weekend at the Museum of Natural History in Halifax.

Standing 18 feet tall and 42 feet long — from nose to the tip of its tail — this Tyrannosaurus rex named Sue is the largest, most complete dinosaur of its kind, said Jeff Gray, curator of marketing and communications for the museum.

"I think the reason (she's the most important) is that she was the largest and also that she was 90 per cent complete," he said, after the dinosaur was put together at the museum's location on Summer Street yesterday morning.

Previous to Sue, the most complete dinosaur was 60 per cent intact.

Sue, named after Sue Hendrickson who found the remains, was discovered in South Dakota in 1990. The Field Museum in Chicago kept Sue until 2000, when they made castings which have made their way around the world for the past several years.

During Sue's stay, the museum will also have exhibits showcasing the history of dinosaurs, their evolution, how scientists believe they went extinct and hands-on interactive exhibits.

Gray said people will also be able to get a first-hand look at how dinosaurs' joints work, the difference between monocular and binocular vision and the world from a dinosaur's point of view.

"We're also building an extremely large dig pit where paleontologists of all ages can dig up their own Sue," he said.

Check it out

The exhibit A T. rex Named SUE opens Saturday and runs until May 8. Visit museum.gov.ns/ca for hours of operation.

Get clearing or get ticketed

Make sure to completely brush and scrape off the car this morning because the police are watching.

An improperly cleared-off vehicle is one of the infractions HRM police are particularly watching for in January.

"Often times you'll see vehicles that are just scraped off enough to be able for the driver to see where in fact you are required to have your whole vehicle cleared off, so we're looking for that," said Const. Brian Palmeter with the Halifax Regional Police.

$167.71
The cost of a ticket for an improperly cleared-off vehicle.

Crusty snow on top of larger vehicles in particular can cause hazards to the vehicles driving behind.

Palmeter said they'll also be looking out for motorists who aren't driving according to the weather.

"There could be a charge under dangerous driving or something of that nature," Palmeter said. JENNIFER TAPLIN

Timeline of convention centre still not clear



Bill Estabrooks

The Jan. 15 deadline for the proposed downtown convention centre looks to be a moveable target.

Infrastructure Minister Bill Estabrooks declined yesterday to say whether the federal government will cough up $46 million for the project by Saturday.

"I'm not going to speculate on the dates when we're going to have the announcement," he said. "But there's no more if to it — we're going to have this announcement."

Mayor Peter Kelly said he doesn't expect to have the deal signed until next week — at the earliest.

"We already indicated that due to cabinet not going until next week we won't hear anything back from the feds until after the cabinet meeting," Kelly said. "We know the province continues to have dialogue with the federal government and we understand the proponent is allowing some degree of flexibility and waiting for the response from the federal government."

Estabrooks said developer Joe Ramia has been patient as the three levels of government attempt to work out a deal on the public portion of the project. ALEX BOUTILIER

Lakes not suitable for skating

Stick to the oval for now — outdoor lakes aren't safe for skating.

HRM sent out a warning yesterday to stay away from lakes and ponds because the ice isn't thick enough to support skaters.

They tested the ice on several lakes on Tuesday and found it fell short of the standards set out by the Red Cross.

Ice should be 15 centimetres thick for individual skating and 21 centimetres for group skating.

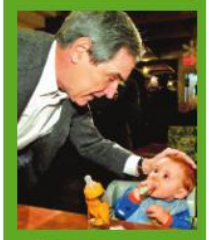
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Chamber: Not bad, but not great

Chamber of Commerce's scorecard measured 28 factors, 11 in which HRM has a direct role ◐ Five of 11 received a red light, six green or double green

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▶ Parker Bell gets ready to play the bagpipes at the Halifax Citadel national historic site in this file photo from last year. A decrease in visitors to national historic sites like the Citadel was one of the "double red lights" (the worst rating) on the 2011 Economic Scorecard from the Halifax Chamber of Commerce released yesterday.

Halifax is chugging along at a yellow light, according to the city's Chamber of Commerce.

The Chamber delivered the last of five annual economic scorecards for the city yesterday, rating 28 sectors based on a traffic signal colours — double green the best and double red the worst. HRM averaged a yellow.

"Some of them are not in our control so they're things we have to acknowledge and understand we need to work with our stakeholders to improve upon the situation," said Mayor Peter Kelly when looking over some of the red light scores such as university enrolment and visitors to historic sites.

Grades

- **Double Red** Immigration, average income, visitors to historic sites, brand recognition
- **Red** Population growth, public investment, airport passengers, competitive commercial taxes
- **Yellow** Business confidence, joint economic development initiatives, decision times for construction projects
- **Green** Financial support for economic development, community satisfaction
- **Double Green** Foster awareness of Halifax as a place to do business, private investment, commercial tax base, crime rates

"Overall tourism is up so why (tourists) didn't go to historic sites is an interesting offshoot especially knowing visits are up by five per cent I believe."

The scorecards are part of a five-year HRM Economic Strategy that winds down this year. A new strategy is in the works.

Kelly said the scorecards are a learning experience in self-evaluation for the city.

"We've tweaked this and we've learned along the way so it's more representative," he said.

"It's certainly positive and there are some issues we can certainly work on."

JENNIFER TAPLIN

CRIME

Man charged in thefts

A 44-year-old man charged with a break and enter yesterday in Middle Sackville has also been charged with two thefts last month.

Halifax RCMP made an arrest in connection to a break and enter at Valley Field Farm Ltd., where an undisclosed amount of money was taken.

A 44-year old Beaver Bank man was scheduled to appear in Dartmouth court yesterday in relation to the theft.

Police believe the man is also behind multiple other incidents in Sackville, including thefts from two different gas stations, and a private residence.

The incidents took place between Dec. 30 and Jan. 10.

The man faces multiple charges of break and enter, theft, and failure to comply with a police undertaking.

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Star-studded show promised

The lineup for the Canada Games opening ceremonies was released yesterday and promoters promise a star-studded show.

Winnipegger Chantal Kreviazuk will join The Trews, Jimmy Rankin, The Stanfields, Tanya Davis, Grand Derangement, JRDN and Rich Aucoin for the nationally broadcasted show at the Halifax Metro Centre on Friday, Feb. 11.

Fifty local dancers were selected during auditions last week, and other local entertainers including the Atlantic Cirque and the Stadacona Band will perform.

"I can't think of a better way to kick off what promises to be a fantastic two weeks in Halifax than with this talented lineup of Nova Scotia artists," Premier Darrell Dexter said in a statement yesterday.

There will be an Olympic-style parade of athletes under the banners of their province or territory.



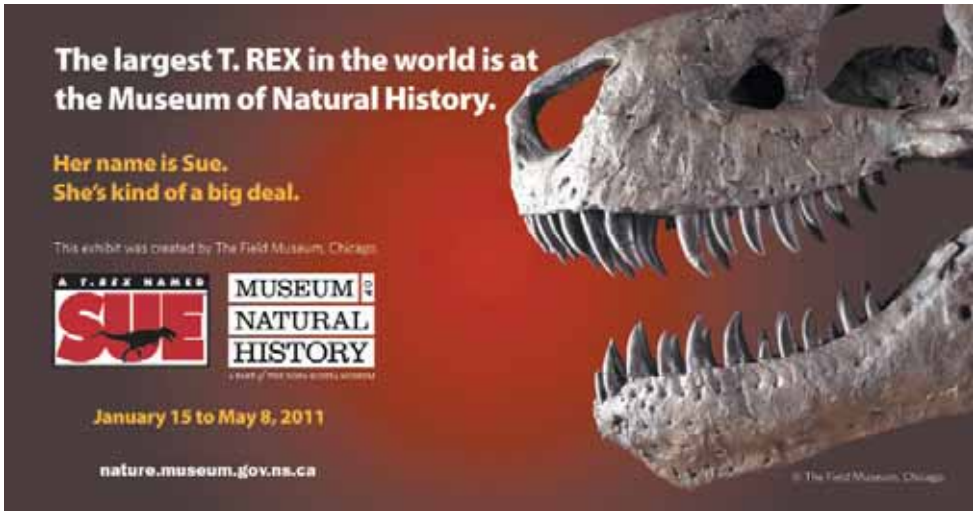
▶ Chantal Kreviazuk

Spectacle

- Promoters are also promising a few surprises during the "two-hour spectacle," including the unveiling of a new Canada Games theme song and audience participation.

Patrick Roberge Productions is partnering with local firm Pilot Light Productions to put on the show and they have experience: They did last year's Grey Cup halftime show as well as ceremonies for previous Canada Games and Paralympic Games.

JENNIFER TAPLIN



News in brief

New speaker to be elected Jan. 19

PROVINCE HOUSE. The Nova Scotia House of Assembly will reconvene for one day on Jan. 19 to elect the Speaker of the House.

The session was necessitated by Premier Darrell Dexter's cabinet shuffle on Tuesday, when Speaker Charlie Parker stepped down to accept a cabinet position.

The NDP have nominated Cape Breton Nova MLA Gordie Gosse for the Speaker position.

Correction notice

LIBERALS. Meredith Naylor is the executive director for the Nova Scotia Liberal Party. Naylor also only forwarded a media request to a Liberal party spokesperson when contacted by Metro.

Incorrect information appeared in yesterday's edition.

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Sarah Palin accuses media of inciting hate

Remarks come after 22-year-old Jared Loughner allegedly tried to assassinate Democratic Rep. Gabrielle Giffords

GUILLERMO ARIAS/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS



▶ Sarah Palin

Sarah Palin posted a nearly eight-minute video on her Facebook page early yesterday, accusing journalists and pundits of inciting hatred and violence in the wake of a deadly Arizona shooting that gravely wounded a U.S. congresswoman.

Last spring, Palin targeted Democratic Rep. Gabrielle Giffords' district in Arizona as one of 20 that should be taken back. Palin has been criticized for marking each district with the crosshairs of a gun sight.

In the video, the 2008 Republican vice-presidential candidate said vigorous debates are a cherished tradition. But she said after the election, both sides find common ground, even though they disagree.

"But, especially within hours of a tragedy unfolding, journalists and pundits should not manufacture a blood libel that serves only to incite the very hatred and violence they purport to condemn. That is reprehensible," she said.

The term "blood libel" is the false allegation that Jews kill non-Jews, especially Christian children, to acquire blood for the Passover or other Jewish rituals, according to the Jewish Virtual Library.

It has been used in other contexts, and Palin's meaning was not clear. Her aides did not immediately respond to an email early yesterday.

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Canada inks deal to sell seal

JONATHAN HAYWARD/THE CANADIAN PRESS



▶ A seal hunter drags a harp seal in the Gulf of St. Lawrence.

Federal Fisheries Minister Gail Shea is heralding a new trade deal with China that will see the world's most populous country import Canadian seal meat and possibly breathe new life into the ailing industry.

Shea announced the agreement yesterday in a conference call from Beijing, where she is trying to promote Canadian seafood and seal products.

Shea said the deal, which has been in the works for more than a year, will take effect today and make Canada the only country allowed to export seal meat and oil to the massive Chinese market.

"For Canada, sealing is about more than fur — the trade of other seal products represents a growing share of what is already a multimillion-dollar business," she said.

"This is all part of the bigger picture of growing this industry to its full potential."

But animal rights activists argue Canadian processors could have a hard time selling the maligned products in China, which they say has little appetite for the meat and is joining a growing number of countries that view the seal hunt as inhumane.

"I don't believe there is any future for the Canadian sealing industry in China," Rebecca Aldworth, a Canadian spokeswoman for the Humane Society of the United States, said from Montreal.

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Stolen. Snowplow



▶ A police officer sits in his car near the site where Sgt. Ryan Russell was struck by a stolen snowplow yesterday in Toronto.

CHRIS YOUNG/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Chase ends in tragedy

An attempt to stop a stolen snowplow during a wild police chase through snowy Toronto streets ended in tragedy yesterday when an officer was struck by the vehicle and killed. A man was arrested about seven kilometres from where the officer was hit.

Poles to blame in president's death: Russia

Russian officials investigating the plane crash that killed Polish president Lech Kaczynski placed the blame squarely on the Poles yesterday, saying the crew was pressured to land in bad weather by an air force commander who had been drinking. Kaczynski and 95 others, including his wife, died in April 2010 when their Tu-154 plane crashed while trying to land in Smolensk, Russia. There were no survivors.

In Poland, the report met with accusations that it is unbalanced and failed to acknowledged Russian mistakes. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

20,000

Polish president Lech Kaczynski was on his way to attend a ceremony commemorating the 20,000 Polish officers and other prisoners of war who were killed by the Soviet secret police during the 1940 Katyn massacre.





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7. Blah Blah Blah - Ke$ha featuring 3OH!3
8. Rude Boy - Rihanna
9. Replay - Iyaz
10. Cooler Than Me - Mike Posner

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▶ A Kinder Surprise chocolate egg.

Surprise! Kinder egg an American contraband?

Kinder Surprise egg forbidden in U.S. because toy inside might be choking hazard Mom: 'I think it's ridiculous'

Linda Bird couldn't believe it when agents from the U.S. Border Patrol at the crossing between Manitoba and Minnesota told her she had illegal contraband in her car — and that she faced the possibility of a $300 fine.

The unlawful property in question: A Kinder Surprise chocolate egg she had bought as a gift. Bird, a 48-year-old social-work student at the University of Manitoba, and her two sons were caught up in a random search at the border.

The family was driving to Ontario to visit her two daughters and going through the United States, which is a shorter drive, Bird said.

$250
If Linda Bird doesn't sign a seven-page letter sent to her from the U.S. Customs and Border officials, she could be liable for $250 in storage costs for the egg in the event of a legal challenge.

The incident happened in early December. The family was asked for identification and then told to get out of the car and wait inside the U.S. Border Patrol offices. After 20 minutes, the U.S. officers came back and showed Bird what they'd found: The Kinder Surprise egg.

"They told us it was prohibited," she said in an interview with the Toronto Star.

Then they handed her a list of prohibited items that are not allowed in the United States, escaping with just a warning.

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ANNA CHAPMAN

Former spy gets own show



Former Russian spy Anna Chapman still shuns questions about her years undercover in the United States, but starting next week she'll uncover other mysteries on Russian television.

Chapman will host a new TV show that allows her "to use all her talents to solve the world's most complicated mysteries," on a private nationwide channel. The 28-year-old Chapman was one of 10 Russian agents exposed in the U.S. and deported this summer in the biggest spy swap since the Cold War. Chapman has not commented on her past as a spy yet. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Mona Lisa's secret in her eyes: Expert

Forget her smile. An Italian researcher says the key to solving the enigmas of Mona Lisa lies in her eyes.

Silvano Vinceti claims he has found the letter S in the woman's left eye, the letter L in her right eye, and the number 72 under the arched bridge in the backdrop of Leonardo da Vinci's famous painting.

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Lululemon gear flies off the shelves

Lululemon Athletica Inc. is struggling to restock shelves with its popular yoga and running gear after a better-than-expected holiday sales rush, it said yesterday. The retailer caught up to demand in the third quarter of 2010, only to fall behind again during the holiday season.

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Loonie will stay at par with U.S. dollar: Flaherty

Finance minister says high Canadian dollar reflects the country's 'sound fiscal situation'

The Canadian loonie will hover at parity with the U.S. dollar for some time to come, and deservedly so thanks to Canada's economic strength, Finance Minister Jim Flaherty said yesterday.

"This is a new world," Flaherty told reporters after speaking about controlling debt at a think-tank discussion at the Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars in the U.S. capital.

The Canadian dollar hit a two-and-a-half year high earlier yesterday of $0.9848, or $1.0154 US. The loonie's been at or near parity with the U.S. currency for weeks, a state of affairs that causes headaches for Canadian exporters who get paid in American dollars.

That's why Ottawa is throwing a lifeline to exporters and manufacturers by lowering corporate taxes, reducing tariffs and extending an accelerated capital cost write-off, Flaherty said.

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▶ Jim Flaherty

Market moment

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▶ A sex worker advertises her wares behind red-lit windows in Amsterdam on Monday.

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Prostitutes to pay taxes

Amid budget cuts and falling revenues, the Dutch government has warned prostitutes in Amsterdam's red light district to expect a business-only visit from the taxman this year. The move is meeting with little formal opposition, even among prostitutes, though some are skeptical it can be enforced.

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A SERIOUS CASE OF CAN'T-SIT-STILL-ITIS

He says ...

JOHN MAZEROLLE



It takes me a while to settle into a new city.

A few years will pass as I learn about its people, its feel, its rhythm. And then, suddenly, I'll be hit with the thought that always occurs to me when I realize a place, once strange, is now home: *Man, I've got to get out of here.*

Itchy feet and cabin fever don't even begin to describe what I feel in my most wanderlustful moments. Something clinical to reflect the seriousness of the condition would be more appropriate: Soulriasis, maybe.

I've been in Toronto for two and a half years and Canada, generally, for five — an unusually long time for me in both cases. Normally, when it comes to cities, I'm just a gigolo. Truth is, I've fooled around with at least one city in every province, not to mention a little something-something on the side in Africa, Europe, and New Zealand. Some towns, I don't even remember their names. "Sorry, Toronto the Good. That's just how I roll."

"I'm frankly baffled by anybody who would prefer to stay where they are."

Why do I need to get away? I barely understand the question. It's like being asked why I need to eat, or drink, or watch Futurama marathons. It's just something that needs to be done. I'm frankly baffled by anybody who would prefer to stay where they are.

My father, for one, frequently acts like there are "BEYOND THIS POINT THERE BE DRAGONS" signs greeting anyone who would dare leave New Brunswick. And he's not alone: I was once on a ferry off the coast of New Brunswick when a stranger next to me remarked how beautiful the view was. "Yes," I agreed. "I've been everywhere," the man continued. "New Brunswick, Nova Scotia. *Everywhere.* And this is the best spot."

It's not that I judge people like him, so much as I consider them part of a different species. There's a whole planet to see. Why would anyone pass that up? Am I the crazy one? Though it might seem to some like I'm running away from family or responsibilities, the truth is I'm a better person when I travel: I read more; I learn more; I live in the moment.

And I'm way more accepting of things as they are. Missing a city bus when I'm home will make me grumpy. But getting bad service in Vienna? Charming. Nearly freezing overnight in a tent in New Zealand? Awesome. Passing out from food poisoning in Zimbabwe? That's an adventure.

Sorry, Canada. It's better for both of us if I see other cities. It will just be for a few weeks this summer. I'll totally call on your birthday.

Read more of John Mazerolle's columns at metronews.ca/hesays

Cartoon

MICHAEL DE ADDER



Nighttime is right time

Letters & Tweets

We asked: What's your favourite time of day?

@glorified_gvb: Saturday nite at 3 or 4 a.m. ... crazy late, absolutely no responsibilities at that hour.

@JBG44: evenings at Starbucks. Ever since midnight shift craving human interaction. Lots ppl at coffee shop.

Re: J.A. Zwahlen letter (Jan. 12)

RAWDON, N.S. I noted J.A. Zwahlen's objections to a cartoon by Michael de Adder. In his objection, Zwahlen suggested de Adder was confusing the anger of the tea party with hatred. I believe it's Zwahlen who is confused. There is a distinction to be made between dissatisfaction with one's government and advocating violence as part of one's dissatisfaction. Sarah Palin, Rush Limbaugh, Glenn Beck and others have blurred and, some would argue, crossed the line when it comes to offering political comment.

No one is suggesting that the concerns of the tea party aren't legitimate, however, any suggestion by either side of the political spectrum that violence is an acceptable form of voicing one's concerns is repugnant and has no place in a democracy. Tea party supporters seem to not recognize or respect that limit. **TIM MCDERMOTT**

As time goes by



What advice would you give future generations?

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Metro Minute with Rawlins Cross

It will be a foot-stompin' show tonight at the Rebecca Cohn Auditorium as the popular group Rawlins Cross takes to the stage at 8 p.m.

The traditional celtic music group from St. John's is on a tour through the Maritimes in support of its new album Heart Head Hands.

It's the band's first full-length studio album in 12 years.

The record is made up of 16 tracks, some of which will be performed tonight, along with many of the band's well-known hits, including arguably its biggest, Reel 'n' Roll.

Tickets are $36.50 and available at the Dalhousie Arts Centre box office.

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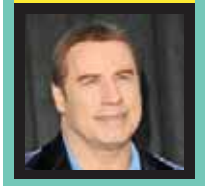
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▶ Rawlins Cross will play the Rebecca Cohn Auditorium tonight at 8.

2 scene

News in brief



John Travolta says their seven-week-old baby boy is "a new beginning" for his family.

The actor and his wife, Kelly Preston, posed with their son Benjamin for the cover of People magazine. Travolta says Benjamin has "brought us a new beginning" and "given the house a renewed spirit and purpose."

Travolta and Preston's oldest child, son Jett, died in 2008 at the age of 16. Benjamin was born in November in Florida. Preston, 48, and Travolta, 56, also have a 10-year-old daughter, Ella Bleu.

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Producers: 2011 Oscars will take viewers on a scenic trip through time, space and movies

French director Michel Gondry takes on his first big action film ◐ Picking a Chinese actor to play a Chinese role leads to criticism ◐ Not a fan of big sex scenes



▶ Seth Rogan stars in The Green Hornet.

How to direct a superhero



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METRO WORLD NEWS IN LOS ANGELES

Michel Gondry makes his first bid at a big-budget studio tent-pole with The Green Hornet, based on the 1940s radio program and 1960s TV series. Metro caught up with Gondry to discuss his sketching habit, dealing with racial issues and avoiding intimacy on screen.

Do you still create extensive storyboards for your work?

My first movie, Human Nature, I did every single shot in storyboard because the budget was small and I wanted to do everything, like a piece of Lego. Every set was conceived and done on stage. And then I realized it suffocated the actor a little bit. So since then I decided that when it concerns only the actor, I will not storyboard. It will be open to conversation at the last minute. Now when there are 10 cars flipping and exploding, and the building is exploding and falling apart, then you have to do some storyboards.

With the character of Kato, The Green Hornet has had some unpleasant racial connotations associated with it. How did you work to avoid or address those?

To me, that was the main thing. Even in the draft I had 10 years ago or 15 years ago, he was still the servant. It was very condescending to have him as the servant. That was one thing we didn't want to have in this movie. But you know what's really funny, and a thing I don't understand? People criticized us that we took a real Chinese actor — actually he's from Taiwan — to have a bigger market. But it's so funny because the problem of all the American movies I can remember is that they would never take a real Chinese person to do a Chinese character. David Carradine played Kung Fu, which was supposed to be played by Bruce Lee — it was a concept by Bruce Lee. But they didn't want him because he was too Chinese. And here we take a real Chinese actor, and people still complain. There is always room for complaint.

You've mentioned avoiding including much of a love story in this film because you thought it would be too distracting.

Not that I'm somebody pure who never sees sex in movies and everything like that, but a lot of time I feel uncomfortable when people get too intimate on the screen. I remember with Kate Winslet and Jim Carrey we had some pretty hot scenes (in Eternal Sunshine of the Spotless Mind), and once I was in there, I was, "OK, put your hand in his pants and go for it." Then when you man the camera, you go for it. But I generally don't like to watch the scene. And I remember they asked me if Kirsten Dunst could be topless, and I didn't want to ask her. They made me ask her, they forced me to ask her, the producer. And I did it, and she said to me, "No. The only director that I would get my bra off for would be (Pedro) Almodovar, not you." It was really embarrassing because I didn't want her to do it in the first place.



How many layers deep is Lindsay?

Lohan making friends with Inception star who has been sober for years

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Fresh out of rehab, Lindsay Lohan has reportedly been hanging around with Inception star Tom Hardy, according to X17 Online, though reps have denied that the sober actor is serving as Lohan's sponsor.

"Lindsay loves how Tom has been sober for years, and she wants to make sure she follows in that path. He's a good looking guy with a great career who has overcome some major obstacles," a source says.

"They're perfect together. Lindsay hopes it will turn into a serious relationship. She's really into him."

Hardy is engaged to British actress Charlotte Riley. METRO

Celebrity tweets



Lily Allen [@lilyroseallen] I'm going for dinner but when I get back I'm gonna set a tumblr up.



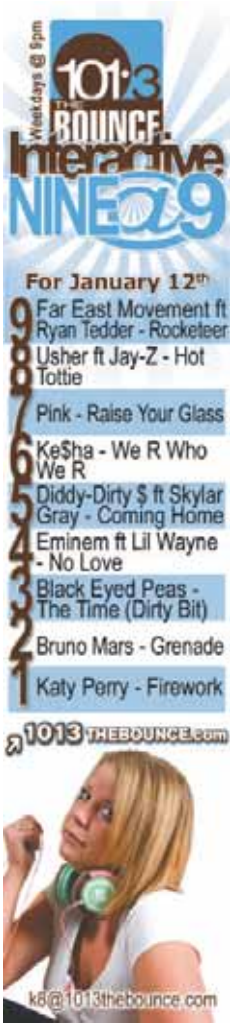
Joel Madden [@JoelMadden] A&E reality shows are ruining my life. First 48 and hoarders. I should be sleeping.



Ryan Seacrest [@RyanSeacrest] Busy day- radio- then off to a fox idol event then seeing the idol contestants..I actually packed a cooler today w veggie juices. on the run



Elizabeth Banks [@ElizabethBanks] Have you seen the Weather Channel lately? It's the new Bob Ross of TV: pleasingly educational slightly whispered nonsense that helps me nap. METRO







3 life

Toasty texting



Last February, Annie Hemmesch, her mother and sister started selling Telefingers gloves, made by threading the thumbs, pointer fingers and middle fingers with conductive material that allows wearers to use touchscreen devices while keeping their hands warm. The gloves are just one example of the influence the cold weather is having on fashion and technology.

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London-based Canadian designer Mark Fast teams with Danier for new collection

Fashion rules to break in 2011

This year's coming trends may force you to disregard about 90 per cent of everything you were ever taught about clothes.

KENYA HUNT, GLOBAL FASHION DIRECTOR



▶ Prada



Jil Sander

1 Never wear horizontal stripes

Fashion puritans of yore dictated that stripes would only make you look about 10 pounds heavier. Then fashion's craze for Breton tops happened and it paved the way for a full-blown explosion of stripes that started on the spring/summer '11 runways and is coming to a store near you. Stripes are now perfectly fashionable on work suits (Prada) or slouchy tank-dresses (Jil Sander).



▶ Alexander Wang



Celine

2 Never wear white in winter

Ignore the stiff sartorial moralist tsk-tsking in your ear as you reach for that white dress in your closet. This month, we strongly encourage you to wear ivory. The non-colour will be bigger than big this year; nearly every brand showed a series of covetable white looks for spring/summer '11. But it's not limited to hot summer days. Alexander Wang and Celine are just a few brands that churned out ivory coats, trousers and sweaters that would look perfectly cool now.



▶ Chloé



Givenchy

3 Always wear a slip

Back in 1980, a young soon-to-be Princess Diana caused an uproar when paparazzi snapped her in the park. The sunlight revealed that she was wearing no slip to hide her legs beneath a sheer skirt. Today she'd be applauded for it. The floaty, see-through skirts and dresses headed our way this year are meant to show a little leg. Not that you need to show your panties to all the world – try silk shorts instead.

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Grooming pick

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How Sui it is

Each runway show is a chapter in Anna Sui's life. It's a commentary on her interests, passions and mindset of the moment.

Now each runway show is also a chapter in a new book, which, she says, is an autobiography in pictures.

Seeing it all together, Sui notices some commonalities – especially the influence of rock 'n' roll – and some aberrations, like the joint surfer-hip hop moment. But it all makes her feel both humbled and proud.

"All I ever wanted to do was design clothes for rock stars and people who go to rock concerts. That I've been able to do that for so long is pretty amazing," says Sui.

It's also pretty amazing that Sui can define the single moment her career took off in 1990: Madonna, on her way to a Jean Paul Gaultier fashion show in Paris, wore one of Sui's dresses.

She could have chosen any one of the hundreds of designer frocks littering her hotel room, but the pop star-fashion diva picked hers. "It was the first in a chain of events that gave me the confidence to stage my own fashion show," Sui writes in the forward of the book, published by Chronicle.

And she's been staging fun, lively shows ever since with Naomi Campbell wearing a feathered headdress, Carla Bruni in knee-highs, Linda Evangelista in a polar-bear cap and Helena Christensen in a tinsel-like scarf. More recently, Agness Deyn rocked a guitar and Isabeli Fontana piled on turquoise bangles.

Any show, any year, you'll see models smiling in the photographs, a rare catwalk combination.

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▶ "What people look to me for is a whole look," says Anna Sui. "People come to me for icing on the cake, not a basic stretch pant."

Condo tricks of the trade: Jackie Di Cara

DECOR MOMENT



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A standard apartment-style condo is given the designer touch.

There are many things to consider when purchasing an older condo and one of the largest is how to make it your own by putting a personal decor stamp of style on it.

When the homeowner of this downtown condo purchased the dated space, it seemed the outdated and unchangeable finishes, like stuccoed ceilings, horizontal windows and parquet flooring, could never become the urban and stylish home she had envisioned. Enter Toronto interior designer Jackie Di Cara. Her client was actually using a search engine on the Internet and found Jackie listed.

She knew as soon as she saw Jackie's work that she had found all the help she needed to transform her outdated downtown condo into a cool, urban space.

Jackie's practical and efficient furniture layout and thoughtful decorating ideas and tricks helped to make a dated space look like a super-stylish home.

Jackie started by accessing the items that the client had already purchased for her new home — a new sofa, large ottoman, two new chairs and the small upright piano (a must-have in the new space).

Jackie then got to work to create a home that fit all the client's current items, and made them feel like they had been part of the overall scheme from the beginning.



Living area

Low built-ins were installed under the horizontal window ledge to create much needed storage and to serve as a display shelf for artwork and decorative items.

"The view was completely undesirable, so I used the old trick of bringing the focal point forward so that the eye stops at an interesting painting or items rather than looking outside."

Simple window treatments offer privacy and diffuse the view while still allowing light to flow into the living area.

Not hanging drapery panels helped to keep a clean, modern feeling to the room.

Textured seagrass wallpaper creates an unexpected focal wall that grounds the heaviest piece of furniture and also the piano. The texture of the grasscloth draws attention away from the texture of the stippled ceiling.

Jackie floated an open-backed chaise lounge in the open-concept space. It allows guests to sit facing the living area or kitchen. Another sofa could have been added, but its high back would have blocked the visual flow into the living area and made the space feel smaller.

A generous area rug ties all the furniture together in the living area, leaving the rest of the floor areas bare to show off the newly re-stained parquet flooring.

A dark walnut stain colour gave the room a sophisticated feel and the much need change from the original golden oak colour.

like Jackie

1. Her designs are safe enough to be called classic, yet daring enough to throw in a few colour and pattern trends.

2. Jackie follows all the good design principles yet doesn't allow a space to look stuffy and overworked.

3. She's willing to use a client's existing furniture to create an environment that allows them to blend right in.

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Colours

Jackie kept the colour scheme very classic and restrained. Grey, cream browns with a hint of fashionable yellow and raspberry to make the room feel trendsetting.

The artwork is fabric that Jackie found while shopping for pillow fabrics. She framed the fabric and used it as art.

The ottoman was a matching piece to the sofa but overwhelmed the room with too much grey, so Jackie reupholstered it and placed a large tray on top. Now it serves as a place to perch during parties, a comfy footstool or even as a coffee table.



Dining area

The dining area was a tough space to furnish. It's the first thing you see when you enter the apartment and had a walkway through it that went into a bed and bath area. By grounding the offset table with a hanging light fixture and placing artwork, Jackie gives the illusion that the table was always meant to be offset in the space.

The alcove area was wallpapered in a geometric pattern in order to offer a modern vibe to the space, and an old art deco chest was purchased to hold dining room accessories. It's a great focal point when guests enter the condo.

A place for more than dining

No longer formal, it's now a multi-purpose space

For generations, families ate in their kitchens and only ventured into their dining rooms on special occasions. The dining room was a place for guests, where stiff-backed chairs and fragile china kept everyone on their best behaviour.

But as our lives have changed, so have our dining rooms.

Today's dining rooms are used in more ways than ever before, says HGTV host Genevieve Gorder. They merge comfort and beauty to create a space where people want to linger.

Gorder and interior designers Brian Patrick Flynn of decordemon.com and Betsy Burnham of Burnham Design in Los Angeles share the trends they've spotted, and offer tips to create a perfect — and perfectly useful — dining room.

Multi-tasking at the table

Many home-owners now see the dining room as a flexible space where meals are not the only priority. In many homes, the dining room table is the go-to location for working on art projects, wrapping gifts and doing homework, says Flynn. So people are seeking durable tables that can withstand plenty of attention, rather than polished ones that are easily scratched.

Dining room storage has also changed. The dining room may now double as a home office, with a laptop and paperwork stashed in the sideboard during meals.

Mixing instead of matching

The days of the perfectly matched suite of furniture — the "dining room set" — are over. In designer-decorated homes, you're more likely to see deliberately mismatched chairs and a table that contrasts with the room's other furniture.

"Even retailers like West Elm are catching on" with this trend, Flynn says. They may offer matching chairs for the ends of the table and then a mix of seating for the sides that includes benches and chairs.

Using mismatched china is also big, Gorder says, including "mixing a few pieces of Grandma's china" with sleek modern dishware. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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▶ Designer Betsy Burnham advises testing out new dining chairs before you buy, since guests may linger for hours.

Get creative

Flynn likes to buy "six or eight chairs that are all different, or maybe just two or three are the same," he says. "Then I strip them myself with sandpaper, add spray primer, then spray on a glossy spray-paint" to make every chair the same colour. He upholsters all the chairs in the same fabric to bring a cohesive look to this eclectic mix of furniture styles.

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▶ Some paint and cushion fabric transform mismatched flea market chairs.

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▶ For a budget-friendly serving buffet, designer Brian Patrick Flynn sawed a $50 thrift store dining table in half length-wise.

Phone apps to build your decor dreams

Home improvement and design enthusiasts can add a versatile tool to their toolbox: a phone.

Software programs available for cell phones can help homeowners with everything from selecting paint colours to finding artwork to determining their favourite decorating style.

Mark English, a San Francisco architect, uses an application on his cell phone to help clients visualize projects and plans. English creates "idea books," or files of images, for his clients to review with Houzz, a free phone app that contains more than 70,000 photos of rooms, homes and landscape projects. Having the images to refer to helps clients articulate more clearly their likes and dislikes, he said.

"We can develop a language where we all know what these adjectives mean," he said. "We get to that point where we know what the goal is much more quickly."

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▶ The Dream Home app allows users to search thousands of photos.

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▶ Sherwin-Williams' free app lets you take a photo of an item and then find the name of the closest paint hue.

Many apps are meant to provide inspiration for people looking to redecorate. The Dream Home app allows users to search thousands of photos sorted by style, room and colour. The app, which ranges in price from $1.99 to $4.99, is like having thousands of design magazines at your fingertips, said Peter Melnikov, vice-president of Apalon, the company that created it. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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My friend and I sip our hot green tea and change our minds a few times.

He settles on the Chicken Teriyaki Bento Box, which comes with a choice of maki sushi, dumplings, tempura or spring rolls.

He picks maki sushi, served with salad, rice and a bowl of lovely miso soup to start.

I have the Sushi Lunch, consisting of three spicy salmon rolls, three California rolls and five Nigiri (seafood on rice).

On this day, the Nigiri line-up is yellow tail, salmon, tuna, shrimp and surimi (imitation crab).

My lunch also starts with miso soup, as well as a salad.

The chicken teriyaki is tender and tasty and the sushi and nigiri tastes fresh and is very nicely presented.

Clayton Park residents and workers clearly don't have to go downtown for quality sushi.

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422-9020
sushinami.ca
Rating: 4 out of 5
Price range: $$$

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Cashew Chicken



Start to finish: 20 mins
Servings: 6

Ingredients:

- 30 ml (2 tbsp) oyster sauce
- 30 ml (2 tbsp) soy sauce
- 5 ml (1 tsp) sugar
- 2 ml (1/2 tsp) ground white pepper
- 30 ml (2 tbsp) rice wine
- 10 ml (2 tsp) sesame oil
- 30 ml (2 tbsp) vegetable oil
- 450 g (1 lb) boneless, skinless chicken breasts, cubed
- 2 green bell peppers, cored and cut into chunks
- 1 small yellow onion, diced
- 10 ml (2 tsp) grated fresh ginger
- 250 ml (1 cup) unsalted cashews

Preparation:

1. In a bowl, whisk together oyster sauce, soy sauce, sugar, white pepper, rice wine and sesame oil. Set aside.
2. In a large, deep skillet or wok over medium-high, heat the vegetable oil until shimmering. Add the chicken and stir-fry until lightly browned, 2 to 3 minutes. It should not be completely cooked through yet.
3. Add the green peppers, onion and fresh ginger. Stir-fry until the chicken is cooked through and the onions are translucent, about another 5 to 6 minutes.
4. Stir in the sauce and the cashew nuts, thoroughly coating all ingredients.

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The philosophy behind traditional Chinese New Year's dishes, which are loaded with symbolic meaning auguring prosperity for the coming year, is that you can eat luck.

Want to live long? Eat long noodles — just be sure not to cut them.

Need a bit more in the bank? Serve fish, the Chinese name for which sounds like the word for surplus.

The Year of the Rabbit starts with the big "reunion dinner" on New Year's Eve — Feb. 2 this year — a meal reserved for family and resonant with culinary customs.

For Patricia Tanumihardja, who grew up in Singapore and is of Chinese and Indonesian descent, the holiday means eating pineapple tarts, which can take different forms but generally call for a luscious pineapple jam stuffed into pastry.

"Every year that was the one thing I wanted to eat," says Tanumihardja, author of The Asian Grandmothers Cookbook.

Meanwhile, in Singapore, a raw fish salad is served in restaurants with the ingredients kept separate on tray. Before they eat, diners stand and toss the salad as high as they can saying auspicious words like, "Every year we'll have prosperity."

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NHL draft still in Desjardins' sights

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▶ Gabriel Desjardins has had a tough year, but that won't hurt his chances of being drafted, according to head coach Bobby Smith.

Smith has high hopes for Desjardins despite struggles, injuries



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When Gabriel Desjardins was left off NHL Central Scouting's rankings for the 2011 draft earlier this week, Bobby Smith was quick to offer some words of encouragement.

"I told the players, 'When I was an NHL general manager, one thing I never paid attention to was the NHL Central Scouting list,' and that's the truth," said the Halifax Mooseheads owner and head coach, who was GM of the Phoenix Coyotes from 1997 to 2000.

Desjardins, an 18-year-old winger, certainly hasn't had the season he probably hoped for after representing Canada at the IIHF world under-18 championship last April.

He's sat out half of the Mooseheads' games with a concussion and more recently a knee injury, mustering just four goals and an assist in 21 games.

But to say his draft dream is dead because of injuries and Central Scouting's snub wouldn't be accurate, Smith said.

"People know what he is," Smith said. "Guy Carbonneau coached him at the under-18's in Belarus and thinks very highly of him. Teams that like him really like him at the NHL level."

Although the jury is still out on his offensive upside, the Montreal native has speed to burn and outstanding work ethic and determination.

"I had a scout in my office earlier this year, and I said, 'Where's Desjardins gonna get picked?'" Smith recalled. "He said, 'Third round, and if you really want him, you're going to have to step up and take him in the second round.'"

Desjardins, who could return from his latest injury as early as Saturday, will probably need a strong finish to be a second- or third-rounder, but even if it's later rather than sooner, Smith is willing to bet on one thing: "I think somebody's going to step up and take him."

Hitting the road

The Mooseheads, 14-26-1-1, kick off a three-games-in-four-days road trip against the fifth-place Lewiston Maineiacs tonight at 8 p.m.

- They also visit fourth-place Gatineau on Saturday and third-place Montreal on Sunday.
- "It's been a good couple of days in practice," said head coach Bobby Smith. "We've worked on a lot of our team play, especially defensively, and we're going to need to be sharp there, and in goal, with the three opponents we have on this trip."

Former Moose making an impact with Bruins

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▶ Brad Marchand

Brad Marchand is not only sticking in the NHL, he's making an impact.

The Hammonds Plains native continues to establish himself as a regular in the Boston Bruins' lineup and is coming on strong in the new year with three goals and two assists in his past six games.

With eight goals and 10 assists for 18 points in 39 games, the 22-year-old is tied for 10th in rookie scoring while averaging almost 13 minutes per game. Perhaps his most impressive stat is his NHL-leading three shorthanded goals.

The Bruins drafted Marchand in the third round (71st overall) in 2006. He finished his junior career in 2007-08 with the Halifax Mooseheads and needed just two seasons in the American Hockey League before landing full-time NHL work. METRO

Sports in brief

Tiger-Cats eastbound?

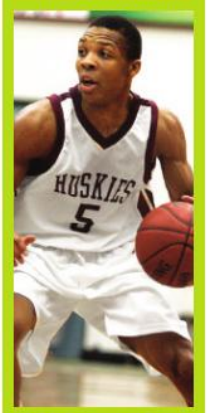
CFL. The Hamilton Tiger-Cats could be the next CFL team to touch down at Moncton Stadium. CBC.ca reports Ticats president Scott Mitchell told a Hamilton radio station his team is "scheduled to play a home game in Moncton" in 2011. The Edmonton Eskimos and Toronto Argonauts played in Moncton last year in the first ever regular season game in Atlantic Canada. METRO

Sea Dogs are the top dogs

CHL. The Saint John Sea Dogs held steady at No. 1 on the CHL's latest top-10 ranking. The Sea Dogs, who lead the QMJHL (34-5-0-2), held off the Mississauga St. Michael's Majors, (30-7-0-1). The Quebec Remparts (fourth), Montreal Juniors (fifth) and Gatineau Olympiques (10th) are the other QMJHL teams on the list. METRO

4 sports

CIS basketball



Point guard Joey Haywood of the Saint Mary's Huskies men's basketball team has been named Canadian Interuniversity Sport's male athlete of the week. Haywood tied Mickey Fox's school record with 46 points in a Sunday win over P.E.I. He also put up 23 points in a loss to Acadia on Saturday. The Huskies are 3-6, fifth in Atlantic University Sport.

Scan code for more sports

James revels in Cavs' epic loss

LeBron James has tweaked Dan Gilbert — and the Cavaliers owner's miserable NBA team — with a pointed tweet.

As his former teammates were absorbing a 55-point loss to the Los Angeles Lakers on Tuesday night, James fired off a message on his Twitter account that seemed to be directed at Gilbert.

James wrote: "Crazy. Karma is a b****... Gets you every time. Its not good to wish bad on anybody. God sees everything!"

In July, after James announced he was leaving for Miami, Gilbert wrote a scathing letter to Cleveland fans questioning the two-time MVP's character and predicted he would take Cleveland's curse with him "down south ... James will unfortunately own this dreaded spell and bad karma."

The 112-57 loss to the Lakers was the Cavs' 11th straight and their most lopsided since joining the league in 1970.

James and Gilbert have been at odds since James joined fellow superstars Dwyane Wade and Chris Bosh in Miami.

Little has gone right this season for Cleveland. In their loss to the Lakers, the Cavs played three rookies for long stretches due to injuries, establishing a team record for fewest points. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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▶ LeBron James during warmup before a game in Washington in December.

Sharks struggling to find their bite

'Sometimes it's not all bad to get kicked in the ass,' says GM Wilson

This is when Doug Wilson figures he'll truly find out what the San Jose Sharks are made of.

Locked in a five-game losing streak, occupying unfamiliar territory outside of the Western Conference playoff picture, times are pretty tough for the men in teal and black.

Rather than being completely discouraged by the current rut, the general manager is choosing to look at it as an important opportunity for a franchise that is accustomed to comfortably waltzing into the post-season each year — only to fall short.

"In the past, sometimes things have come too easy," Wilson said this week in an interview. "The one year, in March and April we didn't lose in 20 games ... You can't just flip a switch late in the year and say, 'Oh, now we're going to start doing things the right way.'"

There is plenty of time left to salvage the season. Yesterday morning, the Sharks found themselves two points out of eighth place in the bunched-up Western Conference and they still had 38 games left on the schedule.

It has been a strange year for the Sharks, who were a 100-point team five of the last six seasons. They are on pace for 88 points this year. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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▶ Dany Heatley struggles with Pavel Datsyuk of the Detroit Red Wings during a Sharks loss in November.

Penguins ponder all-star opponents

Kris Letang has always been Sidney Crosby's teammate in the NHL, so he had to think a bit when asked what it would be like if he has to play against him in the all-star game.

"It'll make it more interesting," the Pittsburgh Penguins defenceman said yesterday. "I'm used to playing him in practice, so it would be fun to play against him.

"But it's not a real game. It's not like it's a regular season game. Nobody's going to get hit, so it's all good."

The prospect of teammate against teammate or even brother against brother, in the case of Henrik and Daniel Sedin or Eric and Marc Staal, arose when the league changed it's all-star format for the game Jan. 30 in Carolina, making it akin to a pickup game.

First, a captain and two alternates for each team will be elected by their peers and announced next week. On Jan. 28, they will take turns drafting names from the 36 remaining players who were either voted in by fans or chosen by the league to play in the game.

Penguins fans stuffed the ballot box and got four of their players elected — Crosby, Letang, centre Evgeni Malkin and goaltender Marc-Andre Fleury.

It would be a surprise if Crosby was not chosen as one of the captains, as long as there is no setback in recovery from the concussion that has kept him out of action for the past week. Washington Capitals star Alex Ovechkin would be a strong candidate to get the other C.

And if Crosby is doing the drafting and doesn't pick his Pittsburgh teammates?

"I might throw some eggs on his car when I come back," Fleury said with a laugh. "No, we're just there to have some fun, so it's no big deal if that happens."

Crosby did not make the trip to Montreal last night and coach Dan Bylsma said there was no change in his status.

He suffered a mild concussion, probably when he was clipped by Washington's Dave Steckel in the outdoor game in Pittsburgh on Jan. 1. The Penguins were winless in their first three games without Crosby. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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Sanchez says sore shoulder feels better

NFL. New York Jets quarterback Mark Sanchez said his sore right shoulder is feeling the best it has in three or four weeks.

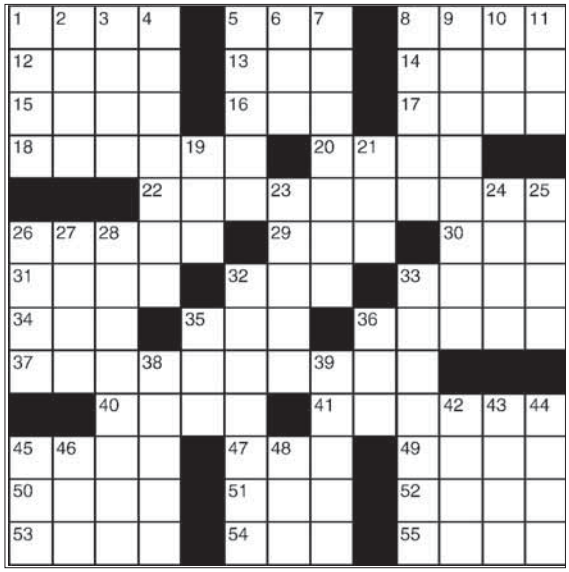
He participated in a full practice yesterday for the first time in nearly a month. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Canadians advance

TENNIS. Canadians Frank Dancevic, Peter Polansky and Milos Raonic advanced to the second round of Australian Open qualifying with straight-set victories yesterday.

Dancevic next plays Evgeny Korolev of Kazakhstan. Polansky will take on Dutchman Jesse Huta Galong. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Crossword



Across

1 Cherished one
5 Pitch
8 Praise to the skies
12 Advantage
13 Hasten
14 Therefore
15 Musicians Kings of —
16 Peculiar
17 Rue the run
18 Not idling
20 Pulverize
22 January and February
26 Oil of roses
29 Overactor
30 Winery vessel
31 Sense
32 Chop
33 Transcending (Pref.)
34 Prior to
35 Oft-tattooed word
36 Chart holder
37 Glazier's item
40 Bedouin
41 One of the Royal Family
45 Meditation method
47 Type squares
49 Reverberate
50 Still
51 Asian language
52 Prophet
53 Picnic spot
54 Prune
55 Salver

Down

1 Sandwich shop
2 Paradise
3 Enthusiastic
4 Non-cancellation
5 Rose's protector
6 Help
7 Beef, e.g.
8 Minimum
9 Sites for public records
10 "Yecch!"
11 Fawn's mama
19 Atmosphere
21 Branch
23 Hit with a dull sound
24 Partner
25 List-ending abbr.
26 Some
27 Hatcher or Garr
28 Adolescent
32 Metallic percussion instrument
33 "She Done Him Wrong" star
35 Extinct bird
36 Conclusion
38 Imbibed
39 Man of morals?
42 Big name in desktop computers
43 Comical Caroline
44 "Finding Nemo" fish voiced by Ellen DeGeneres
45 "Uh-huh"
46 Eggs
48 Long March leader

▶ Yesterday's answer



Sudoku

1			8		7			
8	4						2	5
	5			4		6		
	1		2	3				4
		4				5		
2				8	6		7	
		1		2			8	
3	9						4	7
			3		9			6

How to play

Fill in the grid, so that every row, every column and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1-9. There is no math involved. You solve the puzzle with reasoning and logic.

Yesterday's answer ▶

2	7	1	8	9	4	3	6	5
9	6	4	1	3	5	8	2	7
3	8	5	2	6	7	9	4	1
1	2	7	6	5	3	4	8	9
8	5	9	4	1	2	7	3	6
6	4	3	7	8	9	1	5	2
7	9	8	3	2	6	5	1	4
4	3	2	5	7	1	6	9	8
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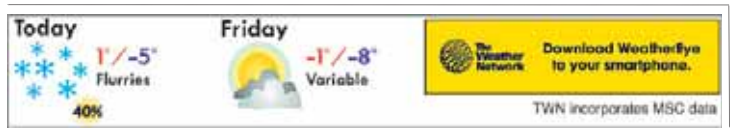
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KAT

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Today's horoscope

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♈ Aries March 21-April 20 Lead by example today. Simply issuing orders and expecting others to carry them out is not going to succeed, especially at work where you are more likely to spark a rebellion.

♉ Taurus April 21-May 21 It's official: you were right and everyone else was wrong. Will you gloat? Of course you will, and rightly so, but having enjoyed your moment of triumph don't go on and on about it.

♊ Gemini May 22-June 21 As Mercury, your ruler, moves into the wealth area of your chart today something will happen that reminds you that you must conserve your resources. Look ahead.

♋ Cancer June 22-July 22 Be bold, be brave and be ready to take advantage of the opportunities that are coming your way. Mercury, planet of communication, will bring good news of some kind today

♌ Leo July 23-Aug.23 Some people can be awfully touchy and today, especially, a friend or loved one is likely to jump down your throat if you make even the slightest criticism of their behavior.

♍ Virgo Aug. 24- Sept. 22 The planets are urging you to be a bit less suspicious than you usually are. Rest assured you won't lose out by going along with what a friend or work colleague proposes – you may even make some money.

♎ Libra Sept. 23-Oct. 23 Sit back and let the good things in life come to you. One of those good things has something to do with your family and today, more than most days, you will find it easy to connect with loved ones.

♏ Scorpio Oct. 24-Nov. 22 You will be feeling more like your old self today. Mercury's change of signs will give you the confidence to try out new things and visit new places, especially in the company of friends.

♐ Sagittarius Nov. 23-Dec. 21 Don't suffer in silence. Speak up and let everyone know you deserve a bigger share of the applause and rewards. Chances are you'll get it.

♑ Capricorn Dec. 22-Jan. 20 Are you being too optimistic? Is your imagination taking you for a ride? No, and no again, are the answers to those questions.

♒ Aquarius Jan. 21-Feb. 18 There are so many good things going on in your world, so why are you so reluctant o make something of them? Between now and the Sun's move into your sign on the 20th you must get your act together

♓ Pisces Feb. 19-March 20 An offer of some sort will come your way and to say the least it will sound tempting.

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